Clinton Feb. 24th 1832

My dear Son

Your sister Emily was married on Tuesday the 7th day of the present month to Lathrop Brockway whom perhaps you may remember. He resides in Clinton, is a man of a fair character and possessed of considerable property. She has left the family & John alone remains with us. And he is troubled with the Phthisic to such a degree that he has been the greater part of the time for the last year incapable of doing much work. It is said that the sea air is favourable to the complaint. It is his present determination to try the effect of it next summer. Is it possible to get him into any kind of business in New York for a few months at least till he can determine whether the sea air will relieve him. If it is I wish you to secure a place. If John leaves us, your mother and I shall be alone. We have concluded to let our farm the present season. And shall probably sell it when we have an advantageous offer. In that case it is uncertain where we shall reside the little time we have to remain in this world. We have now become old & shall probably not be able to see very active in any kind of business. I should be glad to call upon you in New York if it were in my power. And perhaps I shall be able to do it another year. We have been hoping that we should see you in Clinton this present winter: but it is now so far spent that we no longer expect it.

We have heard from your brothers and sister at the west within a short time. They were then very well. Elbert will be in New York early in the spring.

With sentiments of respect I am your
affectionate father
A. S. Norton.

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